

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1132

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Tracy Denning upon her selection as Sumner County Teacher of the Year for Grades 6-8.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Tracy Denning is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denning has recently been selected as Sumner County Teacher of the Year for Grades 6-8, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a positive influence on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Denning was selected for this prestigious honor based on her outstanding teaching performance at the middle school level and her ability to motivate today's youth to participate in a lifetime of physical activity; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denning, a physical education teacher at Portland Middle School, believes that the most essential part of her job is finding the right activity to peak a student's interest and start them on the lifelong road to good health; her philosophy aids her students in finding activities that they enjoy, whether it is team sports, individual activities, or "anything that will get them moving"; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Denning also promotes these wellness lessons for families; since "active children mean active adults," she stresses the importance of family togetherness in fitness and in health; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denning applies her lesson plans in her own home, motivating her children, Mason and Myla, to be active in sports; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Denning notes the benefits of sports extend beyond physical activity, and can become a part of the community's social fabric, forming bonds of friends and a spirit of camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, she encourages her students, regardless of their skill level, to participate in physical education in a manner that promotes their self-esteem and limits the potential for embarrassment; and

WHEREAS, prior to serving with acumen and alacrity at Portland Middle School, Tracy Denning graduated from Portland High School, and her familiarity with the community has been a benefit in her teaching role; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denning played basketball and softball while a student at Portland High School and in college; she appreciates the opportunity to pass on her love of sports to others; and

WHEREAS, she is most thankful for the love and companionship of her husband, Richard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Denning is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Denning truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Tracy Denning should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Mrs. Tracy Denning on being chosen the Sumner County Teacher of the Year for Grades 6-8, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, and salute her professional expertise and personal excellence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Mrs. Denning our best wishes in all of her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.